

(2) The aggregate number of children determined under paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) The SEA certifies the resulting figure for each group as the LCR for that group of generally comparable LEAs to be used by the Secretary under section 8003(b)(1)(C)(iii) in determining the LEA's maximum payment amount under section 8003.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(b)(1)(C)(iii))

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 80 FR 33165, June 11, 2015]

§ 222.42 [Reserved]

§ 222.43 What requirements must a local educational agency meet in order to be eligible for financial assistance under section 8003(b)(1)(F) due to unusual geographic features?

An LEA is eligible for financial assistance under section 8003(b)(1)(F) if the Secretary determines that the LEA meets all of the following requirements—

(a)(1) The LEA is eligible for a basic support payment under section 8003(b), including meeting the maintenance of effort requirements in section 8003(g) of the Act;

(2) The LEA timely applies for assistance under section 8003(b)(1)(F) and meets all other requirements of subparts A and C;

(3) The LEA is meeting the tax rate requirement in § 222.68(c) and the other applicable requirements of §§ 222.68 through 222.72; and

(4) The LEA is not in a State that takes the LEA's payment under section 8003(b)(1)(F) into account in an equalization program that qualifies under section 8009 of the Act.

(b)(1) As part of its section 8003 application, the LEA indicates in writing that it wishes to apply for an "unusual geographic" payment and it will provide the Secretary with documentation upon request that demonstrates that the LEA is unable to provide a level of education equivalent to that provided by its generally comparable LEAs because—

(i) The applicant's current expenditures are affected by unusual geographic factors; and

(ii) As a result, those current expenditures are not reasonably comparable to the current expenditures of its generally comparable LEAs.

(2) The LEA's documentation must include—

(i) A specific description of the unusual geographic factors on which the applicant is basing its request for compensation under this section and objective data demonstrating that the applicant is more severely affected by the factors than any other LEA in its State;

(ii) Objective data demonstrating the specific ways in which the unusual geographic factors affect the applicant's current expenditures so that they are not reasonably comparable to the current expenditures of its generally comparable LEAs;

(iii) Objective data demonstrating the specific ways in which the unusual geographic factors prevent the applicant from providing a level of education equivalent to that provided by its generally comparable LEAs; and

(iv) Any other information that the Secretary may require to make an eligibility determination under this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(b)(1)(F))

[80 FR 33165, June 11, 2015]

§ 222.44 How does the Secretary determine a maximum payment for local educational agencies that are eligible for financial assistance under section 8003(b)(1)(F) and § 222.43?

The Secretary determines a maximum payment under section 8003(b)(1)(F) for an eligible LEA, using data from the third preceding fiscal year, as follows:

(a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this section, the Secretary increases the eligible LEA's local contribution rate (LCR) for section 8003(b) payment purposes to the amount the Secretary determines will compensate the applicant for the increase in its current expenditures necessitated by the unusual geographic factors identified under § 222.43(b)(2).

(b) The Secretary does not increase the LCR under this section to an amount that is more than—

(1) Is necessary to allow the applicant to provide a level of education

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equivalent to that provided by its generally comparable LEAs; or

(2) The per pupil share for all children in ADA of the increased current expenditures necessitated by the unusual geographic factors identified under §222.43, as determined by the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(b)(1)(F))

[80 FR 33165, June 11, 2015]

§§ 222.45–222.49 [Reserved]

Subpart D—Payments Under Section 8003(d) of the Act for Local Educational Agencies That Serve Children With Disabilities

§ 222.50 What definitions apply to this subpart?

In addition to the terms referenced or defined in §222.2, the following definitions apply to this subpart:

Child with a disability as defined in 34 CFR 300.8.

Early intervention services as defined in 34 CFR 303.13.

Free appropriate public education or *FAPE* as defined in 34 CFR 300.17.

Individualized education program or *IEP* as defined in 34 CFR 300.22.

Individualized family service plan or *IFSP* as defined in 34 CFR 303.20.

Infant or toddler with a disability as defined in 34 CFR 303.21.

Infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities, for these regulations, means both a “child with a disability” as defined in 34 CFR 300.8 and an “infant or toddler with a disability” as defined in 34 CFR 303.21.

Related services as defined in 34 CFR 300.34.

Special education as defined in 34 CFR 300.39.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401, 1414, 1432, 1436, 7703, 7705, 7713; 34 CFR parts 300 and 303)

[80 FR 33166, June 11, 2015]

§ 222.51 Which children may a local educational agency count for payment under section 8003(d) of the Act?

(a) An LEA may count children described in sections 8003(a)(1)(A)(ii), (a)(1)(B), (a)(1)(C), and (a)(1)(D) of the Act who are eligible for services under

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the provisions of Part B or Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*) (IDEA), for the purpose of computing a payment under section 8003(d) in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b)(1) An LEA may count a child with a disability described in paragraph (a) of this section who attends a private school or residential program if the LEA has placed or referred the child in accordance with the provisions of section 613 of the IDEA and 34 CFR part 300, subparts C and D.

(2) An LEA may not count a child with a disability described in paragraph (a) of this section who is placed in a private school by his or her parents, but that child may participate in public school programs that use section 8003(d) funds.

(c) An LEA may count infants and toddlers with disabilities described in paragraph (a) of this section if—

(1) The LEA provides early intervention services or FAPE to each of those children—

(i) Either directly or through an arrangement with another entity; and

(ii) The State does not charge a fee or other out-of-pocket cost to the child's parents under the State's system of payments on file with the Secretary required under 34 CFR 303.203(b)(1), 303.520, and 303.521, and there is no other cost to the child's parents (the costs of premiums do not count as out-of-pocket costs); and

(2) Each of those children has an IFSP or IEP (as appropriate).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.* and 7703(d))

[80 FR 33166, June 11, 2015]

§ 222.52 What requirements must a local educational agency meet to receive a payment under section 8003(d)?

To receive a payment under section 8003(d), an eligible LEA shall—

(a) State in its application the number of federally connected children with disabilities it claims for a payment under section 8003(d);

(b) Have in effect written IEPs or IFSPs for all federally connected children with disabilities it claims under section 8003(d); and